

Talking Points: Studio McGuire

A collection of sources and imagery to explore the work of Davy and Kristin McGuire.

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The Paper Architect

The Paper Architect is a play combining paper-craft, animation, projection mapping and performance. It tells the story of an old model-maker who uses his paper creations as vessels for his imagination.

The show features tiny, accurately mapped animations playing across intricate paper sets.

See more of their work on their [here](#).

Questions to Ask Children

How do the Paper Architect make you feel?

How would you describe the atmosphere of The Paper Architect?

Do you like it? Why?

If you could cut a paper structure and make it come to life what you it be? Why?

The Icebook

The Icebook – the world's first projection mapped pop-up book. An exquisite experience of fragile paper cutouts and video projections that sweep you right into the heart of a fantasy world. It is an intimate and immersive experience of animation, book art and performance.

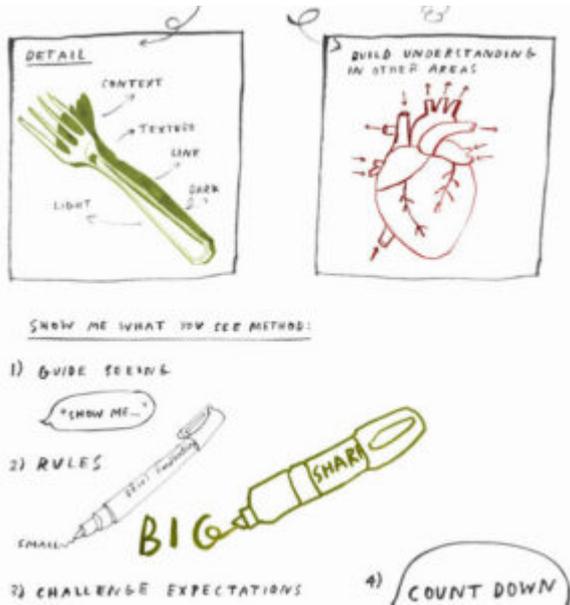
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Nicole Dyer

Like the 14th-century Dutch still-life painters who depicted tabletops piled high with edible symbols of wealth, power, and mortality, Dyer, a 2013 BFA graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art, compulsively catalogs the objects that attract their attention with the allure of satiety and wholeness and packs them into dense tableaux of excess. –[BMoreArt](#)

Explore more work by Nicole Dyer [here.](#)



Ladies, Ladies, Ladies, 2018 Acrylic, ink,

collage, and ceramic on canvas 16" x 12"

Questions to Ask Children

Describe what you see in the paintings.

How does it make you feel?

What do you think the artist is trying to say with this work?

Describe the colour palette. How does the colour effect the mood of the painting?

If you were to include some of your favourite books in a still life painting, what would they be? Why?







Questions to Ask Children

Describe what you see.

How does it make you feel?

What materials do you think were used to make these food sculptures?

Which sculpture is your favourite? Why?

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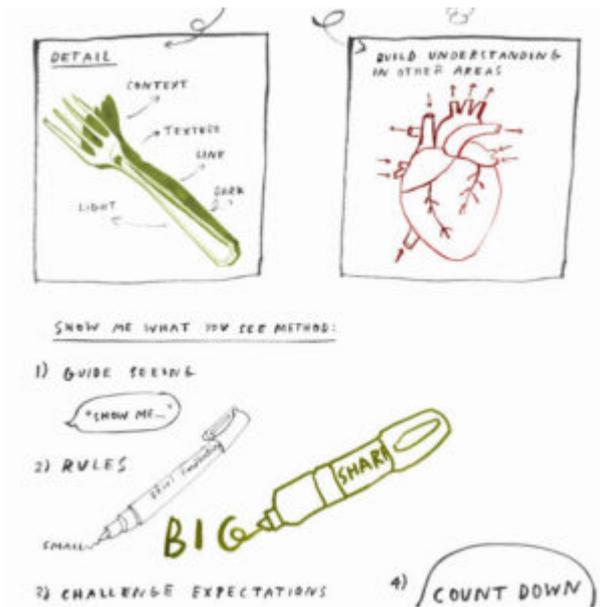


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Sculptural Challenge No 1: Colourful Walls

A sculptural challenge encouraging the exploration of colour.

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Artwork by Krijn de Koning

Questions for Children

How would it feel to be in the spaces Krijn creates?

How do you think he chooses the colour for each wall? How do you think the shape and size of the wall affects the colour too?

Find more of Krijn's work [here](#).

Sculptural Challenge!

Use Krijn's work as your inspiration, think about how you might make a series of colourful walls. You won't be building a life-size sculptural installation (not today anyway!) but instead you can either make a model or create a piece of 2d artwork which shares your vision. Remember, because you are not creating the artwork then you can really be imaginative and dream!

Here are some clues, but you may have your own ideas too:

Use your sketchbook to "collect" colours that you like. Find them in magazines by cutting swatches out, find them by mixing paints, find them by mixing other materials. Record them, test them, label them, make notes (what colours did you mix?), name them (the names you give them might help you to describe the affect they have on you).

Next think about what the "walls" would be like.

What shape? What size? Would they enclose? Would they have holes? Would there be a roof? How do they connect? How would the person get in to the space? How would you want the person to feel? Again, use your sketchbook to plot and plan.

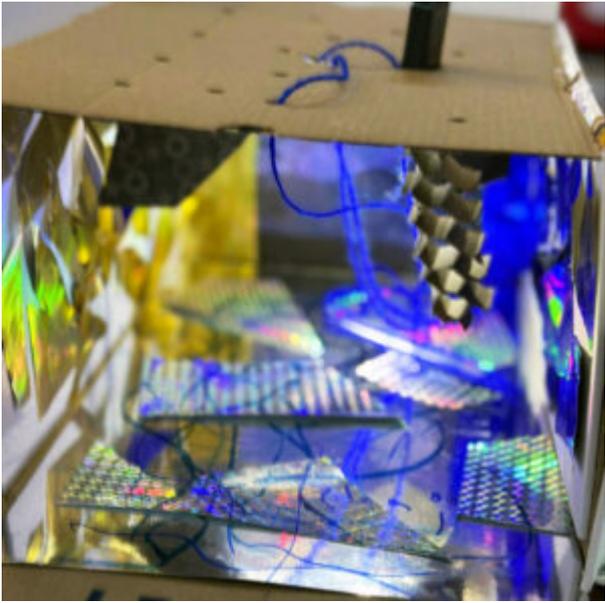
Think too about the location or context you would like your sculptural installation to be in. Would you like it to be in the Antarctic? The jungle? The high street? Again, use your sketchbook.

Think about how you would apply your colours to the walls? Would each wall be one colour? Would you introduce pattern? Images? Again, use your sketchbook.

Finally, either make a model using card, paint, fabric etc to share your vision, or make a 2d artwork.

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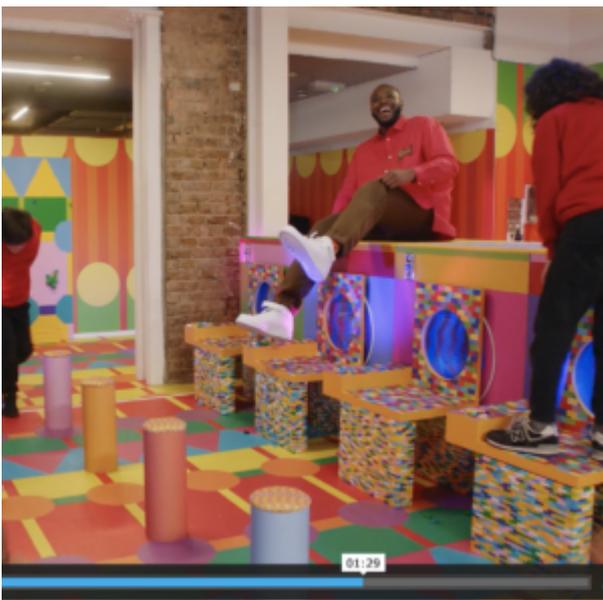
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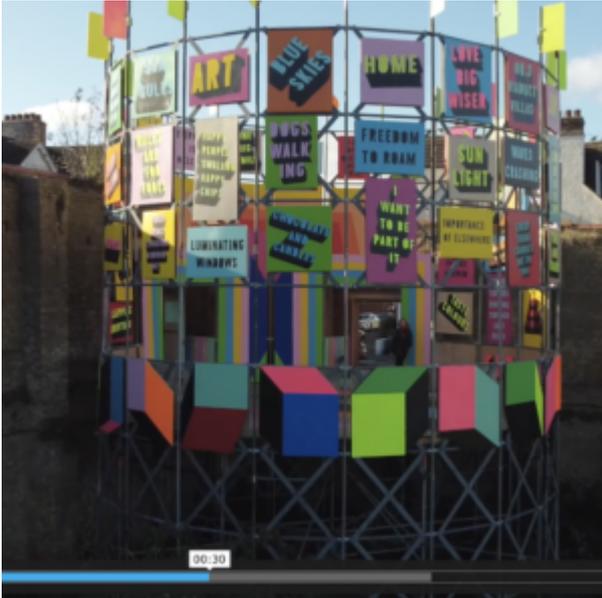


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Sculptural Challenge No 2: Colour, Light and Form

A sculptural challenge to encourage the exploration of colour, light and form.

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Questions for Children:

Can you imagine what it would be like to be in a room with the installations in the videos above? How would it make you feel? What do they remind you of?

How do you think the colour affects the mood?

Sculptural Challenge!

Using the artwork in the videos above as your inspiration, think about how you might design a sculptural installation which involves light, form and colour.

You won't be building a life-size sculptural installation (not today anyway!) but instead you can either make a model or create a piece of 2d artwork which shares your vision. Remember, because you are not creating the artwork then you can really be imaginative and dream!

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Think about the kinds of forms (shapes) you would like the coloured light to fall on to. Would you

like the coloured light to surround a person, or would you like the person to pass near the objects? How would the person enter the space? Would the space be very small or very large? How would you want the person to feel? Again, use your sketchbook to plot and plan.

Think too about the space you would like the coloured light to be in. Would you like it to be a dark space so that the lights show up against the darkness, or would you prefer a light space, so that it feels floaty and ephemeral?

Think about how you would apply your colours to the walls? Would each wall be one colour? Would you introduce pattern? Images? Again, use your sketchbook.

Finally, either make a model using card, paint, fabric etc to share your vision, or make a 2d artwork. If you make a small space, you might like to be inspired by the [Mini Art World](#) Resource and use coloured filters and torches to replicate the space.

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Olafur Eliasson

Olafur Eliasson's interest in light came from growing up in Iceland, where for half of the year the country is in darkness.

Olafur is known for sculpture and large-scale installation art employing elemental materials such as light, water, and air temperature to enhance the viewer's experience.

Explore more of Olafur's work [here](#).

Questions to Ask Children

Describe what you see.

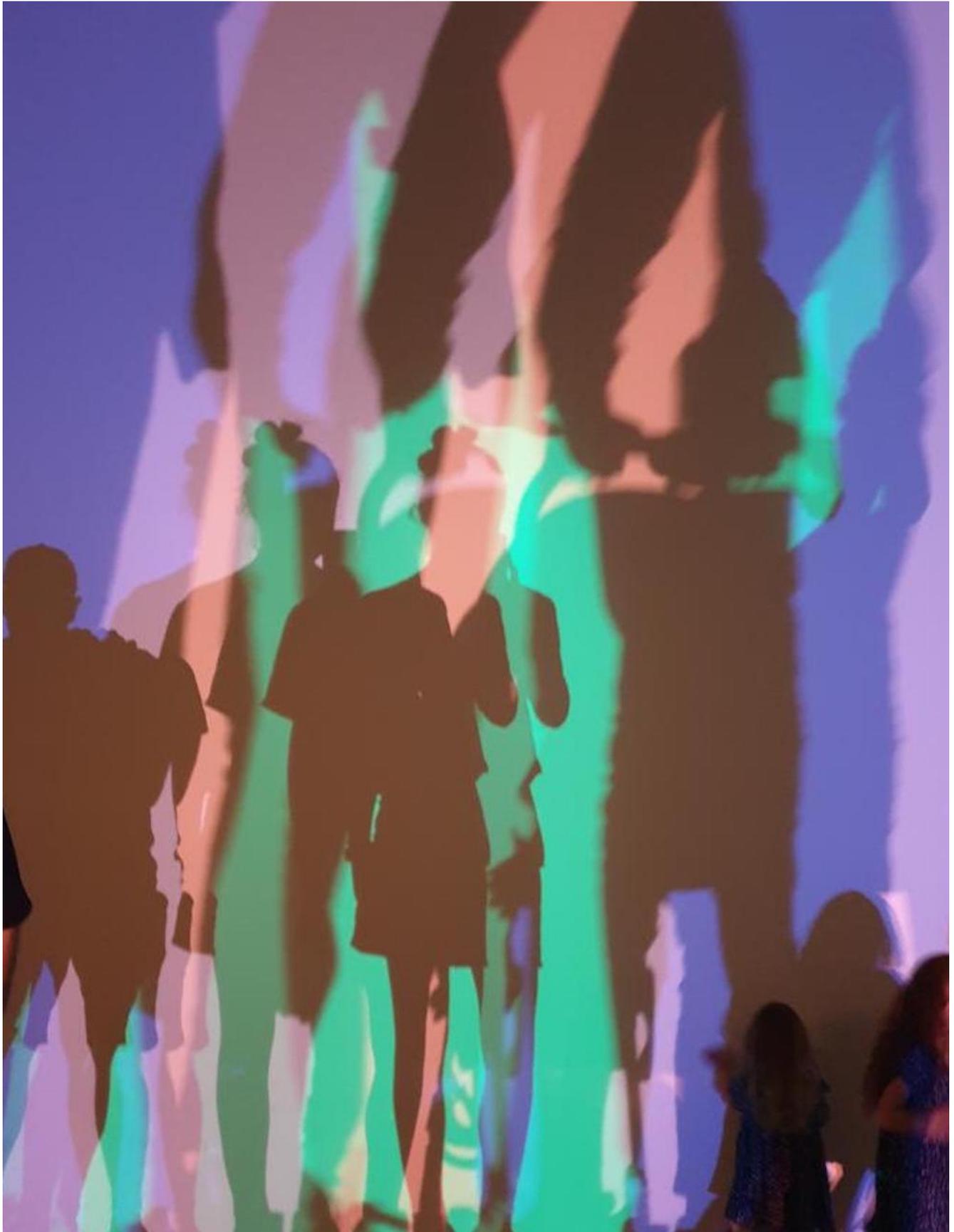
How does this make you feel?

How would it feel to be in that space, interacting with the light?

How do you think the artist creates these playful light installations?









Questions to Ask Children

Describe what you see.

How do you think it would feel to interact with the light installations?

Does it make you think about space and colour in different ways?

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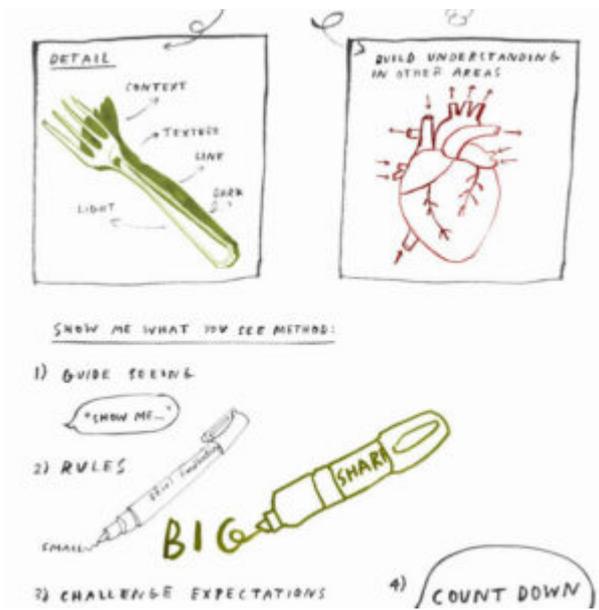
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Carnovsky

Carnovsky is a Milan-based art and design duo comprised of Francesco Rugi and Silvia Quintanilla.

RGB is a work about the exploration of the “surface’s deepness”.

RGB designs create surfaces that mutate and interact with different chromatic stimulus.

Carnovsky’s RGB is an ongoing project that experiments with the interaction between printed and light colours. The resulting images are unexpected and disorienting. Colors mix, lines and shapes entwine and not completely clear. Through a coloured filter (a light or a transparent material) it is possible to see clearly the layers in which the image is composed. The filter’s colours are red, green and blue, each one of them serves to reveal one of the three layers.

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Questions to Ask Children

Describe what you see.

How does it make you feel when you see the image change before your eyes?

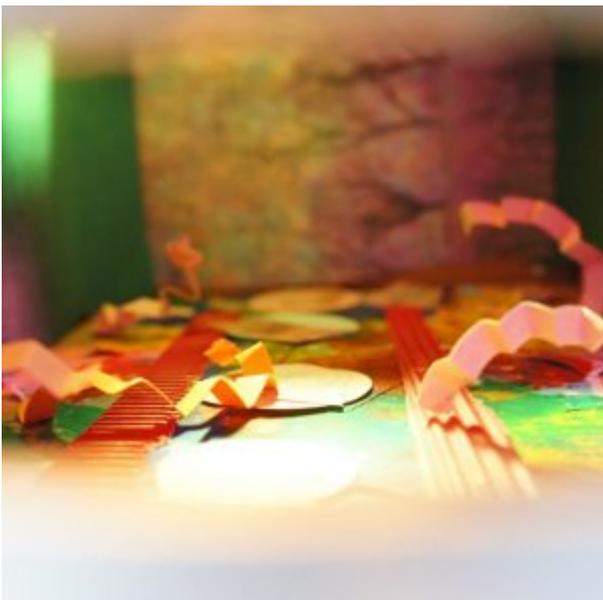
How would it feel to be in that space, interacting with the sculpture?

What do you think the artists are trying to do through the artwork?

Why do you think that light has an effect of specific colours?

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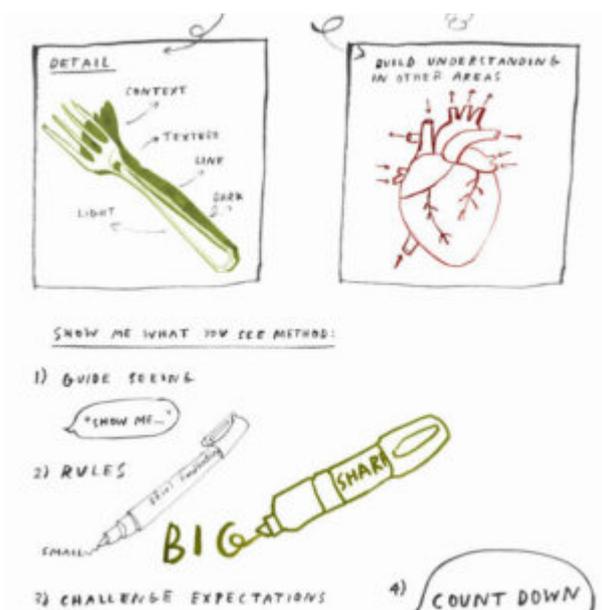
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Linda Bell

“Linda creates large-scale, interactive, and performative sculptural works. Through her multifaceted, experimental approach, Linda explores the sensory nature of materials, such as foil, paper, and fabric. She transforms the materials as they are reshaped and assembled together. The tactile qualities of the materials are vital. Linda seeks out materials that satisfy her need to create certain movements and shapes, which she then repeats to create multiple forms that expand into larger work.

Linda then transforms the work through rigorous

movement, interactions, and impromptu performance. Sharing the movement of her sculptural work and the performative experience is crucial to her practice, for Linda to explore the relationship between herself, her work and the viewer or collaborator.” – [ActionSpace](#)

Questions to Ask Students

What can you see?

What do you think Linda’s sculptures feel like to touch?

How does Linda’s work make you feel?

How might you interact with Linda’s work?

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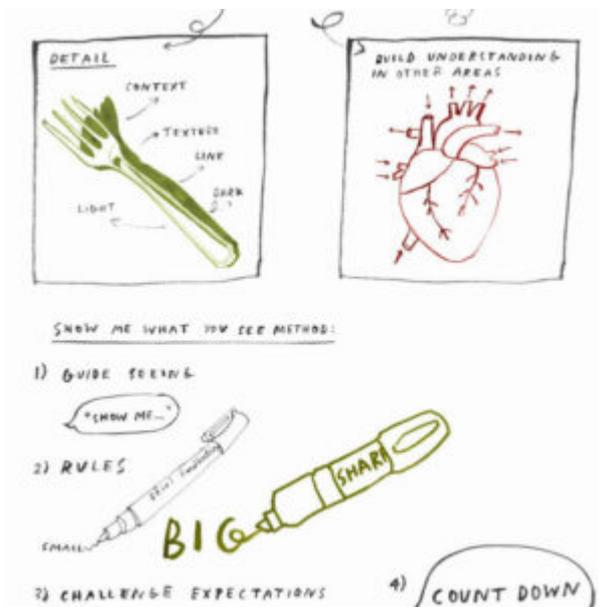


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Nnena Kalu

Nnena is a practising artist at [ActionSpace](#), a visual arts organisation that supports artists with learning disabilities.

‘Over the last two decades, Nnena Kalu has created a large body of sculptural and two-dimensional work and developed a live, performative element to her art practice, creating site-specific installations.

Nnena’s sculptural installations begin with compact ‘cocoons’ of textiles and paper tightly packed in colourful cellophane. Repeated forms then build with extensive binding and wrapping with layers of paper, tape and lines of unspooled VHS tapes. When exhibited these sculptural forms are created live in- situ, being made and remade throughout live installs.

Nnena’s two-dimensional works are sculptural explorations of space dictated by the length and reach of Nnena’s arms, as well as the size of the

paper. In the making of these works, which are often produced in pairs, the second an echo of the first, a rhythm is built up and multiple layers constructed. As with Nnena's sculptural works, the drawings are an exploration of continuous line, shifting and ever-evolving forms.'- [ActionSpace](#)

Questions to Ask Students

Describe Nnena's sculptural process.

When you look at Nnena's drawings, what can you see? How does the rhythm and pace of the drawing effect the lines?

What do you like about Nnena's sculptures / drawings?

If you were watching Nnena create a live installation, what kind of sounds might you hear?

Imagine you are interacting with the sculptures, what do you think the sculptures would feel like texturally?

How does Nnena's work make you feel?

Do Nnena's sculptures remind you of anything?

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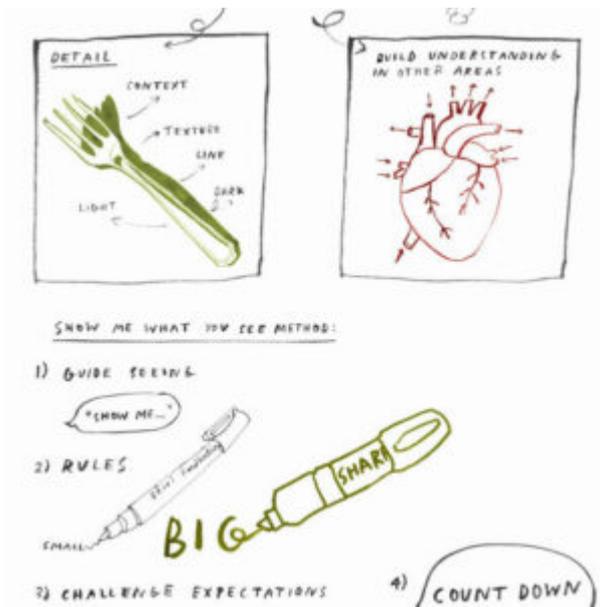


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Adapting AccessArt: Playful Making Inspired by Nnena Kalu



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Akunyili Crosby

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Njideka Akunyili Crosby

Njideka is originally from Nigeria but trained as an artist in America, which is where she now lives. This duality of experience has given Njideka a fresh perspective on the places and cultures that she has experienced.

Njideka's paintings draw on art historical, political and personal references, Njideka Akunyili Crosby creates densely layered figurative compositions that express the complexity of contemporary experience.

Many of Akunyili Crosby's images feature figures – images of family and friends – in scenarios derived from familiar domestic experiences: eating, drinking, watching TV.

While the artist's formative years in Nigeria are a constant source of inspiration, Akunyili

Crosby's grounding in Western art history adds further layers of reference. – [Victoria Miro Gallery](#)

Watch the videos below to find out more.

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Questions to Ask Children

Pause the video at various points where you can see details of Njideka's paintings, or find an image on [Njideka's website](#) and discuss the following questions...

Describe what you think is happening in this painting/this detail.

What do you think the person in the painting could be thinking about?

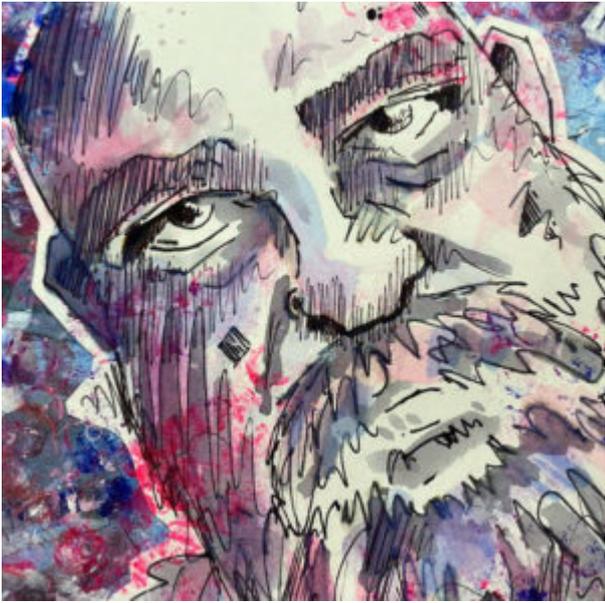
How does Njideka use layers in her work to help her create imagery.

How does this painting make you feel?

How might the painting reflect Njideka's identity?

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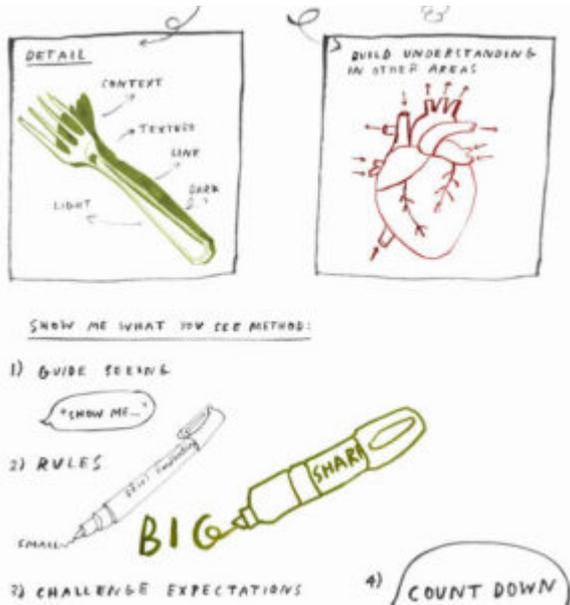


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Chhau Masks

Chhau dance is a semi classical Indian dance with martial and folk traditions. It is found in three styles named after the location where they are performed, i.e. the Purulia Chau of West Bengal, the Seraikella Chau of Jharkhand and the Mayurbhanj Chau of Odisha.

The dance ranges from celebrating martial arts, acrobatics and athletics performed in festive themes of a folk dance, to a structured dance with religious themes. The costumes vary between the styles, with masks being used to identify the characters.

The stories enacted by Chhau dancers include those from Indian literature.

Find out more about the "[Craft of Accessorising](#)

[for Chhau dancers](#)” and [“How the Craft of Mask Making Transforms the Dancers”](#) with Google Arts and Culture.



Click on the image above to find out more about Seraikella Chhau Dance.

Questions to Ask Children

How do the masks make you feel?

How do you feel watching parts of the performance?

How would you describe the colours?

What kinds of materials are used to make the masks?

Talking Points: Contemporary Masks

A collection of sources to explore contemporary artists who create masks.

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Romuald Hazoumè

West African artist Romuald Hazoumé creates contemporary African masks made using discarded plastic containers, in particular petrol canisters. The petrol canisters are used by lots of people in West Africa and represent the artist's heritage. They also represent his critical vision of political systems.

"I send back to the West that which belongs to them, that is to say, the refuse of consumer society that invades us every day."

Questions to Ask Children

How do the masks make you feel?

Do you like the masks? Why?

What do you think the artist is trying to say through the artwork?

What other recycled or waste materials could we use to make masks?

Damselfrau

Damselfrau focuses on play and make as few conscious decisions as possible to let the materials lead. Damselfrau design the masks as she makes, responding to materials as opposed to a drawn design.

The masks are perhaps more accurately described as

wearable sculptures. The ornate creations fuse the boundaries between fashion and design.

Questions to Ask Children

How do these masks make you feel?

How do these masks compare to Romuald's masks?

If you encountered someone wearing the of the masks how would you feel?

Thalassic Masks

The Thalassic Masks project focuses on rethinking the protective mask, transforming a medical product, born in a state of emergency, into a design statement expressing contemporary identities.

The artists Filippo Nassetti and Vincezo Reale believe that beyond Covid-19, further implications of climate change and the disruption of ecological environments, such as air pollution and transformations in the atmosphere, may see protective devices become more and more an essential extension of the human body.

Questions to Ask Children

Do you like the Thalassic masks?

How does the mask make you feel?

Do you think that it's an improvement on the

surgical masks you've had to wear over the past 2 years?

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A collection of imagery and sources designed to explore different flip books.

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Animate the Earth

Animate the Earth uses a book as the foundation for the flip book. Using an old book is a good way to make a flip book quickly. The background text can also add some character to the animation. You could even use the story line or theme of the book to inspire the storyline of your flip book.

Questions to Ask Children

Do you like the background of words on a page?
Why?

What is your favourite part of the animation?

Do you think the artist planned what was going to happen next or was just playing with what is possible?

Colibri Flip Book

Graphite and coloured pencil on paper, stainless steel, delrin, motor electronics 10x10x12.7 CM.2011 By J. C. Fontanive

J. C. Fontanive

[Fontanive](#) invented the first flip book machine in his bedroom from old bike, car and clock parts and vinyl records. The invention explores moving image, form and structure. Multiple frames are shown in sequence to form the animation. The fluttering of the paper provides a natural soundtrack bring the still images to life.

Quiknesse, 2009 flipbook machine

Questions to Ask Children

What kind of bird do you think that this features in these flip book machines?

Which is your favourite and why?

Does the painted background of Quiknesse add anything to the flip book machine? If so, what?

What bird would you like to see in a flip book machine?

Volume 5 of Harumin Asao's Cat series

Harumin Asao is a Japanese illustrator who uses flip books as a way to create short and playful animations.

Using small pages for flip books gives a nice control when flipping through as opposed to bigger thinner pages.

Questions to Ask Children

What your favourite animal?

Think about how that animal might greet you when you get home.

Flip Book Within a Flip Book

[The Flippist](#) creates hand drawn flip books as a career, from engagement proposals to more commercial projects the Flippist has made a flip book for every occasion.

Questions to Ask Children

If you could make a flip book for any occasion what would it be?

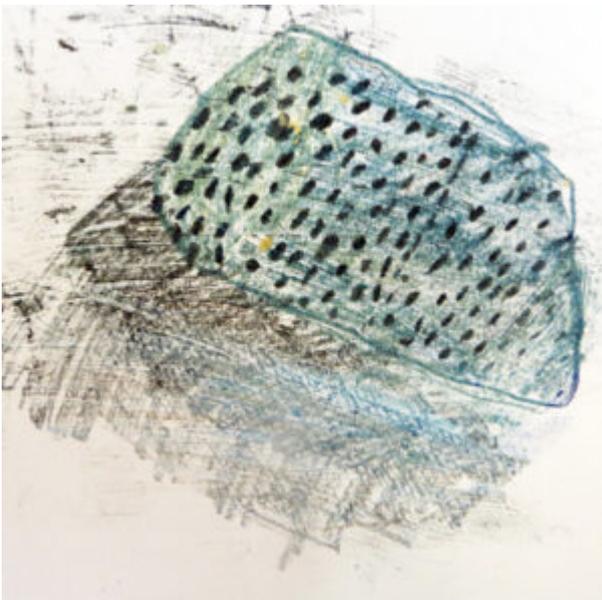
Whats your favourite part of this flip book and why?

What other objects could replace the volcano and leak out of the flip book?

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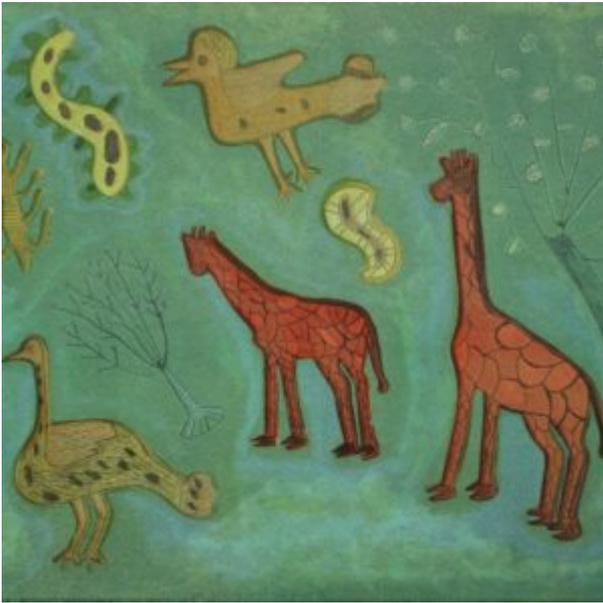
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Linocut

Teachers Notes

Linocut print is a printmaking technique used for relief printing. The surface of the Linoleum is cut into with sharp V shaped tools to create a design.

Linocut originates from the technique 'woodcut'. In this process a block of wood is used to carve from instead of linoleum. Woodcut is the oldest form of printmaking with records of its use on textiles from as long ago as the twelfth century.



Two maraboos (Twee maraboos) (c.1914) by Samuel Jessurun de Mesquita. Original from The Rijksmuseum. CC0

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Letterpress

Teachers Notes

Letterpress is a relief printing technique. For hundreds of years letterpress was the only way to create reproductions of text. The invention of the letterpress in the mid 15th Century meant that information could be more accessible to the masses. Traditionally, the letters are arranged, a roll is inked and the raised surface of the letters are pressed against sheets or a continuous roll of paper.

Take a online tour of [Robert Smail's Printing Works in Scotland](#). Founded in 1866 and now part of the Scottish National Trust, the tour walks you through the rooms, different jobs and the machinery used in the victorian era.

A modern day letterpress process.



Alan Kitching, Letterpress artist, talking about his process and inspirations whilst working on a commission for English Heritage

Farewell Etain Shrdlu, a 30 minute documentary on the last day of typesetting at The New York Times in 1978, before the switch to computers.

Features interviews for and against the incoming technology, plus a look at the end showing the contrast between the old typesetting methods and the new computerised version.

Talking Points

What sort of things was letterpress traditionally used for?

What do people still use letterpress?

What differences are there between designing on a computer nowadays and using old methods such as letterpress?

Why do you think there is still an interest in using old technology today?

Can you think of any other old techniques used to make art that are still being used?

Why is (or is?) it important to understand old techniques and ways of making things?

How have computers changed how we make art?

What do you think is next for printing techniques?
What comes after computers?

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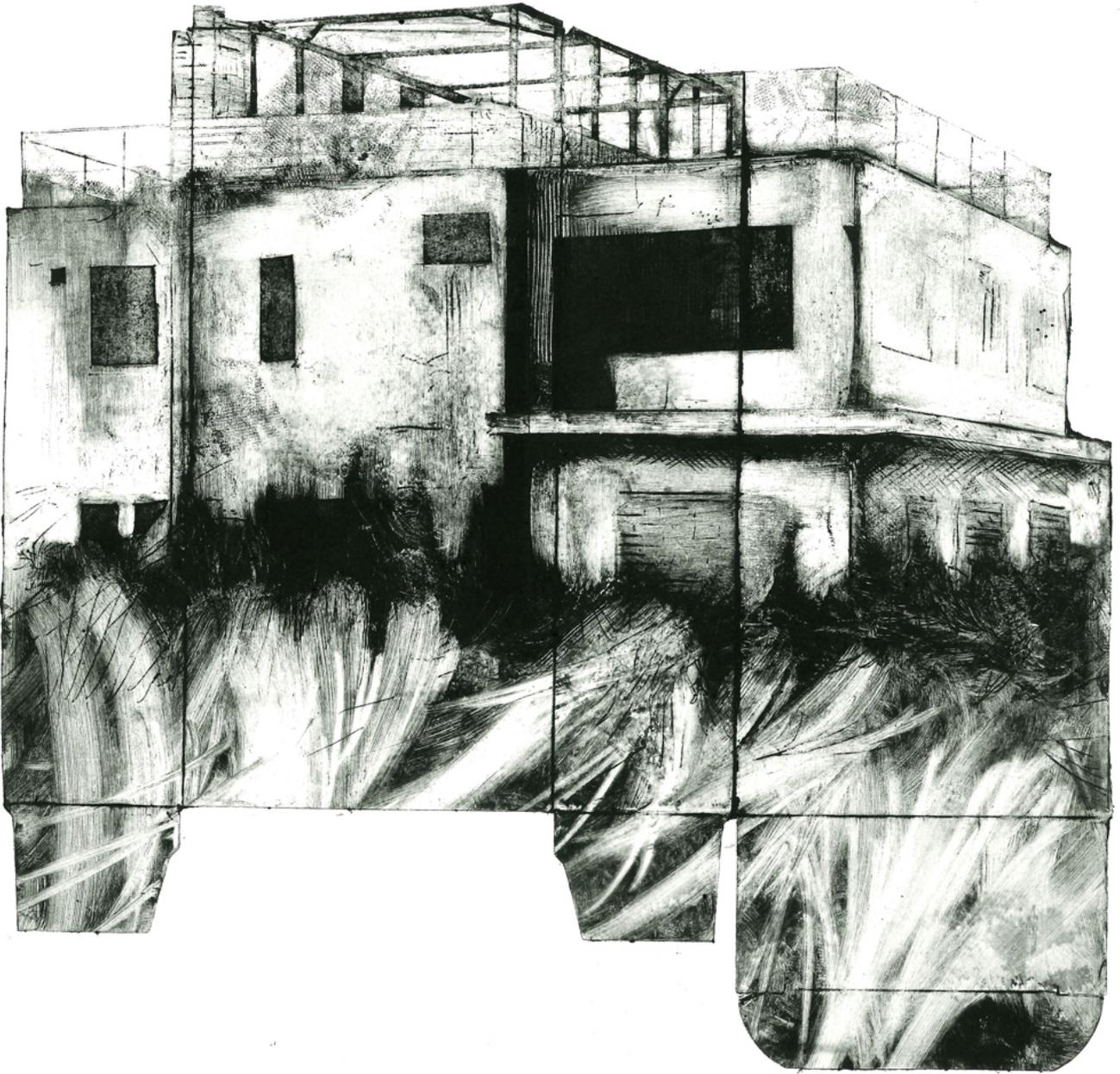
A collagraph print is made from textured materials collaged together on a piece of card. Lots of materials can be used to make collagraphs including (but not limited to) sand, fabric, bubblewrap, string and cardboard.

The surface of the plate can also be cut away at or into to create different marks.

Sinclair Ashman

Watch this video to find out about how printmaker [Sinclair Ashman](#) found his passion for collagraph.

Karen Wicks



**RAF Tangmere by Karen Wicks Medium: Collagraph
Paper Type: Fabriano Unica (250gsm) Year: 2022.**

**Explore this resource by Karen Wicks to find out
how she makes her prints [here](#).**

Talking Points: What is Etching?

Sketchbooks! Making Your Sketchbook Your Own

Part 2: Making Your Sketchbook Your Own

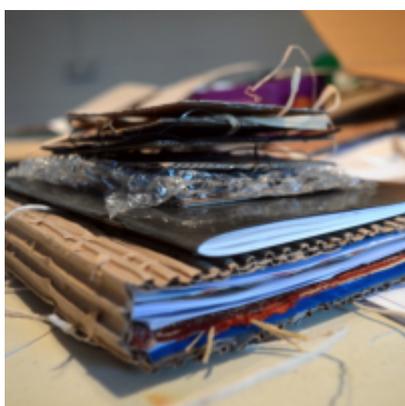
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We are going to start by making a sketchbook. You could just use a bought sketchbook, but if you do, we'd like

you to spend some time *adding on* to that sketchbook before you start working *in* it.

The reason we are going to start by making a sketchbook (or developing a bought sketchbook), is because then the book will start to feel like it belongs to you right from the start. The

sketchbook becomes
owned the moment you
start to make – you
make personal choices,
and you think
creatively from the
outset.





Another thing happens when you *make* a sketchbook.

When you turn a page to work in your sketchbook and are presented with a pockets instead of a white page, or a piece of graph paper which

unfolds, or a piece of old map, it will inspire you to be more creative in the way you write and draw in the sketchbook.

So, let's get started. Decide if you want to make a sketchbook from scratch, which is very simple, OR adapt an existing sketchbook. Either way, we'd like

you to end up with a sketchbook that really feels like it is yours, even before you start to work in it.

Making an Elastic Band Sketchbook

Elastic

band

sketchbooks are a really great way to make books which have plenty of personality and character!

Start off by collecting paper of all kinds – recycled paper, white paper, graph paper, brown paper... the more varied the better. You'll also need corrugated cardboard

for the cover, and an elastic band to fasten it all together.

Whatever size sketchbook you want to make, cut a piece of corrugated cardboard which is twice as wide as the finished book. Bend it in the middle to form a spine.



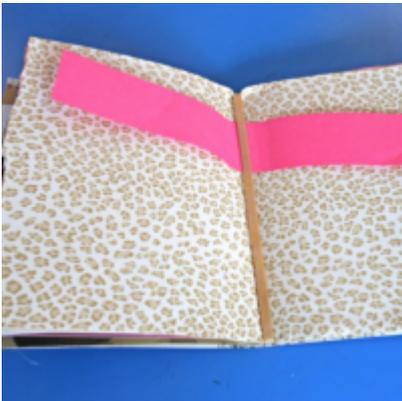


Next cut or tear a series of pages, again twice the width of the finished book. Fold these in half too, and then simply use the elastic bands to fasten

it all together. the great thing about these books is that they are completely flexible – you can take them apart, take pages out, and add more pages, and really personalise them.

The cardboard provides a versatile cover which can easily decorated to personalise them

further.



**Extending a
Bought
Sketchbook
and adding
“Spaces &
Places” to
regular**

sketchbooks

Take an existing sketchbook – it can be any kind, shape or size. The idea is to change the structure of the sketchbook. That might mean adding new pages made up of different types of paper, different sizes, even different shapes.

Think about how you can create “places and spaces” within a sketchbook. When you start working in your sketchbook, coming across these altered pages can really help you make exciting work in your book.



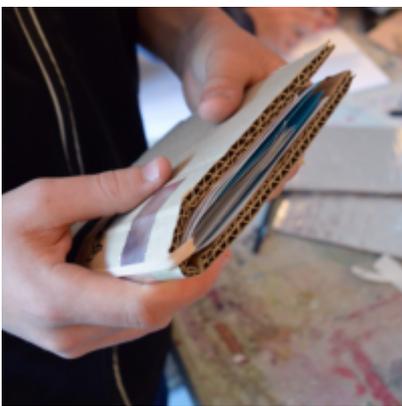


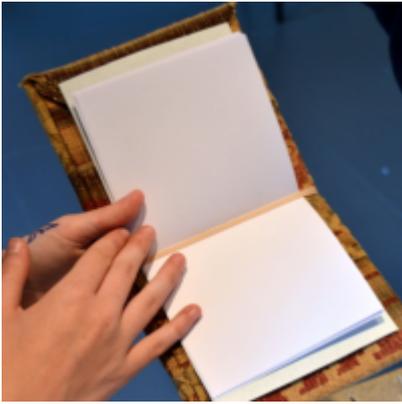
So for example, you might want to bend and glue pages to create pockets. You might want to add bags to create collecting areas, or add fabric so you can

paint on that instead of paper. Add whatever you can find or whatever you are attracted to, to change the shape of the places and spaces within the sketchbook.

The idea is to be as creative as you can in terms of the way you change the look and feel of the book, so

that when you are working in your sketchbook later, you are not only inspired by the world around you and by what's in your head, but also by the sketchbook itself.





Have fun when you are doing this, and also remember that when you are drawing and writing in your sketchbook later, you are still free to keep changing the shape and the structure and the nature of the pages.

**That's part of the fun
of working in a
sketchbook. So it isn't
a one off process, it
is a starting point,
and hopefully you'll
keep coming back to it
as you continue to work
in your sketchbook.**

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3. Collage Exercise



Introducing
different ways to
work in a
sketchbook

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Sketchbooks!
Before Your
Start

Collect the Following

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**Drawing
Materials
(whatever
you have in
the house:
pen,**

**pencil,
rubber,
felt tips,
markers,
coloured
pencils,**

**pastels
etc)**

**Assorted
Paper (all
kinds,**

**including
recycled
paper from
old letters
and
envelops,**

tracing

paper,

graph paper

etc AND /

OR

**A bought
sketchbook
(any kind)**

**Scissors,
glue, tape,**

string

**Piece of
corrugated
cardboard**

**Large
elastic
band**

**It would be
good to**

**start
collecting
a pile of
old
magazines –
if you can**

**get your
hands on
old
gardening
supplements
, nature**

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or

children's

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As well as

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